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GOVERNMENT OF GOA

Department of Law

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Notification

10/7/2023-LA

The Registration of Births and Deaths (Amendment) Act, 2023 (Central Act No. 20 of 2023), which has been passed by Parliament and assented to by the President on 11-08-2023 and published in Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II, Section I, dated 11-08-2023, is hereby published for the general information of the public.

D. S. Raut Dessai, Joint Secretary (Law).

Porvorim, 25th October, 2023.

MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE

(Legislative Department)

New Delhi, the 11th August, 2023/
/Sravana 20, 1945 (Saka)

The following Act of Parliament received the assent of the President on the 11th August, 2023 and is hereby published for general information:—

THE REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS AND DEATHS (AMENDMENT) ACT, 2023

No. 20 of 2023

[11th August, 2023.]

An Act further to amend the Registration of Births and Deaths Act, 1969.

BE it enacted by Parliament in the Seventy-fourth Year of the Republic of India as follows:—

1. *Short title and commencement.*— (1) This Act may be called the Registration of Births and Deaths (Amendment) Act, 2023.

(2) It shall come into force on such date as the Central Government may, by notification in the Official Gazette, appoint.

2. *Construction of references of certain expressions by certain other expressions.*— Throughout the Registration of Births and Deaths Act, 1969 (hereinafter referred to as 18 of 1969. the principal Act), for the word “Registrar-General”, wherever it occurs, the words “Registrar General of India” shall be substituted.

3. *Amendment of section 2.*— In section 2 of the principal Act, in sub-section (1),—

(i) clause (a) shall be re-numbered as clause (ab) thereof, and before clause (ab) as so re-numbered, the following clauses shall be inserted, namely:—

‘(a) “Aadhaar number” shall have the same meaning as assigned to it in clause (a) of section 2 of the Aadhaar (Targeted Delivery of Financial and Other Subsidies, Benefits and Services) Act, 2016; 18 of 2016.

(aa) “adoption” shall have the same meaning as assigned to it in clause (2) of section 2 of the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015;’; 2 of 2016.

(ii) clause (b) shall be re-numbered as clause (ba) thereof, and before clause (ba) as so re-numbered, the following clause shall be inserted, namely:—

‘(b) “database” means the organised collection of data, generally stored and accessed in electronic form from a computer network;’.

4. *Amendment of section 3.*— In section 3 of the principal Act,—

(i) in the marginal heading, for the words “Registrar-General, India”, the words

“Registrar General of India” shall be substituted;

(ii) in sub-section (1), for the words “Registrar-General, India”, the words “Registrar General of India” shall be substituted;

(iii) in sub-section (3), for the words “and submit”, the words “and the database of registered births and deaths and submit” shall be substituted;

(iv) after sub-section (3), the following sub-sections shall be inserted, namely:—

“(4) The Registrar General of India shall maintain the database of registered births and deaths at the National level and it shall be obligatory upon the Chief Registrars and the Registrars to share the data of registered births and deaths to such database.

(5) Subject to the proviso to sub-section (1) of section 17 and with the prior approval of the Central Government, the database of registered births and deaths maintained under sub-section (4) may, on request, be made available to the authorities dealing with the preparation or maintenance of database relating to—

- (a) population register;
- (b) electoral rolls;
- (c) Aadhaar number;
- (d) ration card;
- (e) passport;
- (f) driving licence;
- (g) property registration; and
- (h) such other databases at the National level as may be notified,

and the authority shall inform the action taken, within such period as may be notified from time to time, to the Central Government:

Provided that the preparation or maintenance of database relating to electoral rolls in clause (b) shall be without prejudice to the provisions of the Representation of the People Act, 1950.”.

43 of 1950.

5. *Amendment of section 4.*— In section 4 of the principal Act, after sub-section (4), the following sub-sections shall be inserted, namely:—

“(5) The Chief Registrar shall take steps to register births or deaths and maintain a unified database of registered births and deaths at the State level by using the portal as approved by the Registrar General of India and it shall be obligatory upon the Registrars to share the data of registered births and deaths to such database.

(6) Subject to the proviso to sub-section (1) of section 17 and with the prior approval of the State Government, the database of registered births and deaths maintained under sub-section (5) at the State level may, on request, be made available to the authority dealing with other databases at the State level and the authority shall inform action taken, within such period as may be notified from time to time, to the State Government:

Provided that the preparation or maintenance of database relating to electoral rolls shall be without prejudice to the provisions of the Representation of the People Act, 1950.”. 43 of 1950.

6. *Amendment of section 7.*— In section 7 of the principal Act,—

(i) in sub-section (2),—

(a) after the words “enter in the register maintained”, the words “, electronically or otherwise,” shall be inserted;

(b) after the word and figure “section 9”, the words “in respect of births and deaths which has taken place in his jurisdiction” shall be inserted;

(ii) in sub-section (5),—

(a) for the words “appoint Sub-Registrars and”, the words “appoint Sub-Registrars and, in the event of any

disaster or epidemic, appoint Special Sub-Registrars” shall be substituted;

(b) the following *Explanation* shall be inserted, namely:—

‘*Explanation.*—For the purposes of this sub-section, the expressions,—

(i) “disaster” shall have the same meaning as assigned to it in clause (d) of section 2 of the Disaster Management Act, 2005; 53 of 2005.

(ii) “epidemic” means the epidemic referred to in the Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897.’. 3 of 1897.

7. *Amendment of section 8.*— In section 8 of the principal Act, in sub-section (1),—

(i) in the opening portion,—

(a) for the words “orally or in writing”, the words “orally or in writing with signature” shall be substituted;

(b) after the words “several particulars”, the words “including the Aadhaar number of parents and the informant, if available, in case of birth,” shall be inserted;

(ii) in clause (a), the word “male” shall be omitted;

(iii) after clause (a), the following clauses shall be inserted, namely:—

“(aa) in respect of non-institutional adoption, the adoptive parents;

(ab) in respect of birth of a child to a single parent or unwed mother from her womb, the parent;

(ac) in respect of birth of a child through surrogacy, the biological parent;”;

(iv) after clause (d), the following clauses shall be inserted, namely:—

“(da) in respect of a child who is taken on adoption from the Specialised Adoption Agency, the person in-charge of the Specialised Adoption Agency.

Explanation.— For the purposes of this clause, the expression “Specialised Adoption Agency” shall have the same meaning as assigned to it in clause (57) of section 2 of the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015; 2 of 2016.

(db) in respect of an orphan or abandoned child or surrendered child in any child care institution, the person in-charge or caretaker of the child care institution.

Explanation.— For the purposes of this clause, the expressions “abandoned child” or “child care institution” or “orphan” or “surrendered child” shall have the same meanings as respectively assigned to them in clauses (1), (21), (42) and (60) of section 2 of the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015; 2 of 2016.

(dc) in respect of birth of a child through surrogacy in a surrogacy clinic, the person in-charge of the surrogacy clinic.

Explanation.— For the purposes of this clause, the expressions “surrogacy” and “surrogacy clinic” shall have the same meanings as respectively assigned to them in clauses (zd) and (ze) of sub-section (1) of section 2 of the Surrogacy (Regulation) Act, 2021;’. 47 of 2021.

8. *Amendment of section 10.*— In section 10 of the principal Act, for sub-sections (2) and (3), the following sub-sections shall be substituted, namely:—

“(2) Where death occurs in any medical institution providing specialised treatment or general treatment, every such institution, irrespective of ownership, shall, free of charge, provide a certificate of the cause of death, including the history of illness, if any, signed by the medical

practitioner who attended that person during his recent illness to the Registrar in such form as may be prescribed and provide a copy of such certificate to the nearest relative.

(3) In the event of death of any person occurring in any place other than medical institution, and such person was, during his recent illness, attended to by a medical practitioner, such medical practitioner shall, after the death of that person, free of charge, forthwith issue, a certificate of the cause of death, including the history of illness, if any, to the person required under this Act to give information concerning the death in such form as may be prescribed, and the person, on receipt of the certificate, shall deliver the same to the Registrar at the time of giving information of the death as required under this Act.”.

9. *Amendment of section 11.*— In section 11 of the principal Act, for the words “place of abode, and, if he cannot write”, the words “place of abode and put his signature thereto, and, if he cannot write” shall be substituted.

10. *Substitution of new section for section 12.*— For section 12 of the principal Act, the following section shall be substituted, namely:—

“12. *Certificate of registration of births or deaths.*— The Registrar shall, as soon as the registration of a birth or death has been completed, but not later than seven days, give, free of charge, electronically or otherwise under his signature, to the person who gives information under section 8 or section 9, a certificate extracted from the register relating to such birth or death in such form and manner as may be prescribed.”.

11. *Amendment of section 13.*— In section 13 of the principal Act, for sub-sections (2) and (3), the following sub-sections shall be substituted, namely:—

“(2) Any birth or death of which delayed information is given to the Registrar after thirty days but within one year of its occurrence, shall be registered only with

the written permission of the District Registrar or such other authority, on payment of such fee and on production of self-attested document in such form and manner as may be prescribed.

(3) Any birth or death of which delayed information is given to the Registrar after one year of its occurrence, shall be registered only on an order made by a District Magistrate or Sub-Divisional Magistrate or by an Executive Magistrate authorised by the District Magistrate, having jurisdiction over the area where the birth or death has taken place, after verifying the correctness of the birth or death and on payment of such fee as may be prescribed.

Explanation.— For the purposes of this sub-section, the expression “Executive Magistrate” means the Executive Magistrate appointed under sub-section (1) of section 20 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973.’.

2 of 1974.

12. *Amendment of section 16.*— In section 16 of the principal Act, in sub-section (1), after the words “register of births and deaths”, the words “, electronically or otherwise,” shall be inserted.

13. *Amendment of section 17.*— In section 17 of the principal Act,—

(i) in sub-section (1), for clause (b), the following clause shall be substituted, namely:—

“(b) obtain, electronically or otherwise, a certificate of birth or death from such register and issued in such form and manner as may be prescribed:

Provided that no certificate relating to any death, issued to any person, shall disclose the particulars regarding the cause of death as entered in the register.”;

(ii) in sub-section (2), for the word “extracts” occurring at both the places, the word “certificates” shall be substituted;

(iii) after sub-section (2), the following sub-section shall be inserted, namely:—

“(3) Notwithstanding anything contained in any other law for the time being in force, the certificate referred to in sub-section (2) or section 12, shall be used to prove the date and place of birth of a person who is born on or after the date of commencement of the Registration of Births and Deaths (Amendment) Act, 2023, for the purposes of—

(a) admission to an educational institution;

(b) issuance of a driving licence;

(c) preparation of a voter list;

(d) registration of a marriage;

(e) appointment to a post in the Central Government or State Government or a local body or public sector undertaking or in any statutory or autonomous body under the Central Government or State Government;

(f) issuance of a passport;

(g) issuance of an Aadhaar number; and

(h) any other purpose as may be determined by the Central Government.”.

14. *Amendment of section 18.*— In section 18 of the principal Act, for the words “by the District Registrar”, the words “in general or special order by the Chief Registrar” shall be substituted.

15. *Amendment of section 23.*— In section 23 of the principal Act,—

(a) in sub-section (1),—

(i) in the opening portion, for the words “Any person”, the words, brackets, figure and letter “Any person, except the person specified in sub-section (1A),” shall be substituted;

(ii) in clause (c), after the words “thumb mark”, the words “or signature, as the case may be,” shall be inserted;

(iii) in the long line, for the words “fifty rupees”, the words “two hundred and fifty rupees” shall be substituted;

(b) after sub-section (1), the following sub-section shall be inserted, namely:—

“(1A) Whoever, being a person specified in clauses (b), (c), (d), (da), (db), (dc) and (e) of sub-section (1) of section 8,—

(a) fails without reasonable cause to give any information which it is his duty to give; or

(b) gives or causes to be given, for the purpose of being inserted in any register of births and deaths, any information which he knows or believes to be false regarding any of the particulars required to be known and registered; or

(c) refuses to write his name, description and place of abode or to put his thumb mark or signature in the register as required under section 11,

shall be punishable with fine which may extend to one thousand rupees in respect of each birth or death.”;

(c) in sub-section (2),—

(i) after the words “in his jurisdiction”, the words and figures “or to give a certificate to the informant under section 12” shall be inserted;

(ii) for the words “fifty rupees”, the words “two hundred and fifty rupees” shall be substituted;

(d) for sub-section (3), the following sub-section shall be substituted, namely:—

“(3) Any person who neglects or refuses to provide or issue a certificate as required under sub-section (2) or sub-section (3) of section 10 or any person neglects or refuses to deliver such certificate to the Registrar, shall be punishable with fine which may extend to fifty rupees.”;

(e) in sub-section (4),—

(i) for the words “Any Person”, the words, brackets, figure and letter “Any person except the person specified in sub-section (1A)” shall be substituted;

(ii) for the words “ten rupees”, the words “two hundred and fifty rupees” shall be substituted;

(f) after sub-section (4), the following sub-section shall be inserted, namely:—

“(4A) Any person specified in sub-section (1A), who, without reasonable cause, contravenes any provision of this Act for the contravention of which no penalty is provided for in this section, shall be punishable with fine which may extend to one thousand rupees in respect of each birth or death.”;

(g) in sub-section (5), for the words and figures “Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898”, the 5 of 1898. words and figures “Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973” shall 2 of 1974. be substituted.

16. *Amendment of section 24.*— In section 24 of the principal Act, in sub-section (1), for the portion beginning with the words “proceedings under this Act” and ending with the words “fifty rupees”, the following shall be substituted, namely:—

“proceedings under this Act,—

(a) accept from the person, except the person specified in sub-section (1A) of section 23, who has committed or is reasonably suspected of having committed an offence under this Act, by way of composition of such offence a sum of money not exceeding two hundred and fifty rupees;

(b) accept from the person specified in sub-section (1A) of section 23, who has committed or is reasonably suspected of having committed an offence under this Act, by way of composition of such offence a sum of money not exceeding one thousand rupees in respect of each birth or death.”.

17. *Insertion of new section 25A.*— After section 25 of the principal Act, the following section shall be inserted, namely:—

“25A. *Appeal.*— (1) Any person aggrieved by any action or order of,—

(i) the Registrar, may prefer an appeal to the District Registrar; or

(ii) the District Registrar, may prefer an appeal to the Chief Registrar, within a period of thirty days from the date of such action or receipt of such order, as the case may be, in such form and manner as may be prescribed.

(2) The District Registrar or the Chief Registrar, as the case may be, shall decide the appeal referred to in sub-section (1) within a period of ninety days from the date of preferring of such appeal.”.

18. *Amendment of section 30.*— In section 30 of the principal Act, in sub-section (2),—

(i) for clauses (d), (e) and (f), the following clauses shall be substituted, namely:—

“(d) the form of certificate of the cause of death under sub-sections (2) and (3) of section 10;

(e) the form and manner in which the certificate of birth or death may be given under section 12;

(f) the authority which may grant permission for registration of a birth or death and the form and manner of production of self-attested document under sub-section (2) of section 13;”;

(ii) after clause (g), the following clauses shall be inserted, namely:—

“(ga) the form and manner in which the certificate of birth or death may be obtained under clause (b) of sub-section (1) of section 17;

(gb) the form and manner of preferring an appeal under sub-section (1) of section 25A;”;

(iii) in clause (i), for the word “extracts”, the word “certificates” shall be substituted.

DR. REETA VASISHTA,
Secretary to the Govt. of India.

MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

(Office of the Registrar General, India)

New Delhi, the 13th September, 2023

S. O. 4058(E).— In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (2) of section 1 of the Registration of Births and Deaths (Amendment) Act, 2023 (20 of 2023), the Central Government hereby appoints the 1st day of October, 2023, as the date on which the provisions of the said Act shall come into force.

[F.No. 1/7/2020-VS (CRS) Part-1]

MRITUNJAY KUMAR NARAYAN,
Registrar General and
Census Commissioner.



Department of Law & Judiciary

Law (Establishment) Division



Order

14/03/2018-LD (Estt.)/1951

Read: (1) Order of the Hon'ble Supreme Court dated 09-05-2017 in Writ Petition No. 643/2015.

(2) Order of the Hon'ble Supreme Court dated 19-05-2023 in Writ Petition No. 643/2015.

(3) Order No. 14/03/2018-LD (Estt.)/1590 dated 06-10-2022.

(4) Order No. 12/06/2018-LD/Estt/82 dated 10-01-2019.

(5) Order No. 14/03/2018-LD (Estt.)/1830 dated 30-10-2023.

The Hon'ble Supreme Court as per the order read at Serial No. 1 above had appointed a Committee to study the matter regarding the pay and allowances of Judicial Officers. The Committee forwarded the Report

of the Second National Judicial Pay Commission (SNJPC) containing the recommendations on Pay, Pension and Allowances of the District Judiciary (in 5 volumes). The Hon'ble Supreme Court as per the order read at Serial No. 2 above, accepted the pay structure recommended by Second National Judicial Pay Commission (SNJPC) and directed that the said pay structure should be implemented with effect from 01-01-2016.

In compliance of the directions of the Hon'ble Apex Court, Government of Goa had revised the pay of serving Judicial Officers as per the Government Order read at Serial No. 3 above. Pursuant to this order and the order of Hon'ble Apex Court read at Serial No. 2 above, Government is now pleased to issue the following orders revising the pensionary benefits of the retired Judicial Officers with effect from 01-01-2016 as follows:

(a) In the case of those who retired on or after 01-01-2016, the present system of computation of pension/family pension (@ 50%/30% of the last drawn pay at the time of retirement) shall be continued.

(b) The pension/family pension of the judicial officers, who retired/died prior to 01-01-2016 shall be revised as under:

(i) The revised pension/family pension of the judicial officers, who have retired or died while in service prior to 01-01-2016 shall be revised as under:

(1) The existing pension/family pension shall be revised by the multiplier factor of 2.81

or

Retired/died Judicial Officers to be placed Notionally at the corresponding stage of the fitment table (as per the annexure) in new proposed pay on the basis of last pay drawn at the time of retirement and the revised pension and the family pension shall be @ 50% and 30% respectively of the new proposed pay as per the fitment table, whichever is higher.

(2) The quantum of family pension shall be worked out in the same manner as quantum of pension is worked out.

(3) The benefits of number of years of practice at bar subject to maximum of weightage of 10 years will be given to the direct recruits of Higher Judicial Services, who retired prior to 01-01-2016.

(c) The additional quantum of pension/family pension shall be made available to the judicial officers on completion of age of and at the rates specified below. This benefit of additional pension shall be available to all eligible pensioners/family pensioners w.e.f. 01-01-2016.

Age of pensioner/ /family pensioner	Additional Quantum of pension/ /family pension
75-80 years	20%
80-85 years	30%
85-90 years	40%
90-95 years	60%
95-100 years	80%
On completion of 100 years	100%

The expression 'years' in the above table shall mean completed years.

(d) The ceiling of maximum amount of Death-cum-Retirement Gratuity (DCRG) will be raised from 10 lakh to 20 lakh w.e.f. 01-01-2016. In case of Judicial Officers who have retired on or after 01-01-2016 and paid retirement gratuity as per pre-revised pay and the

maximum limit at that time, the differential gratuity payable on account of revision of pay shall be paid subject to the revised maximum limit.

(e) The death gratuity will be payable as per the following table:

Length of service	Rate of Death Gratuity
Less than one year	2 times of monthly emoluments
One year or more but less than 5 years	6 times of monthly emoluments
5 years or more but less than 11 years	12 times of monthly emoluments
11 years or more but less than 20 years	20 times of monthly emoluments
20 years or more	Half month of emoluments for every completed six monthly period of qualifying service subject to maximum of 33 times of emoluments

(f) The existing rate of maximum upto 50% of the basic pension for commutation of pension will continue. The entitlement to commute pension admissible on revised pay is applicable in case of retirement on or after 01-01-2016. Considering the recommendation of SNJPC, the commutation factor shall be fixed as 8.194 from 01-01-2016 and the existing restoration period of 15 years will be continued.

(g) Dearness relief at central rates sanctioned by the State Government from time to time will be applicable to the pensioners/family pensioners.

(h) Arrears of pension/family pension to be paid after adjusting payment of interim relief already paid @ 30% of basic pension/family pension under order No. 12/06/2018-LD/Estt./82 dated 10-01-2019 issued by this department.

(i) *Date of payment of Arrears:—*

The revised pension/family pension and arrears shall be granted in cash w.e.f. 01-11-2023.

(j) *Authorization:—*

1. In case of pensioners who retired on or after 01-01-2016, their pension shall be revised and arrears of revised pension/other retirement benefit shall be authorised by Director of Accounts. After the authorisation, the Pension Disbursing Authority concerned will disburse the revised pension and arrears as detailed above.

2. In the case of pensioners who retired prior to 01-01-2016, the pension/family pension shall be revised by the concerned head of office and accordingly the revised pension/family pension and arrears accrued therein shall be authorised by the Pension Disbursing Authority as detailed above.

This issues with the concurrence of the Finance (Rev. & Cont.) Department vide its U.O. No. 1400048292 dated 19-10-2023.

This is issued in supersession of order No.14/03/2018-LD (Estt.)/1830 dated 30-10-2023.

By order and in the name of the Governor of Goa.

Amir Y. Parab, Under Secretary (Law-Estt.).

Porvorim, 6th November, 2023.

ANNEXURE
TABLE (Fitment)

S. No	Pay as per FNJPC	Existing Pay	New Proposed Pay
1.	9000	27700	77840
2.	9250	28470	80180
3.	9500	29240	82590
4.	9750	30010	85070
5.	10000	30780	87620
6.	10250	31550	90250
7.	10500	32320	92960
8.	10750	33090	95750
9.	11050	34010	95750
10.	11350	34930	98620
11.	11650	35850	101580
12.	11950	36770	104630
13.	12250	37690	107770
14.	12500	38610	111000
15.	12800	39530	114330
16.	13150	40450	114330
17.	13500	41530	117760
18.	13850	42610	121290
19.	14200	43690	124930
20.	14550	44770	128680
21.	14900	45850	132540
22.	15250	46930	132540
23.	15600	48010	136520
24.	15950	49090	140620
25.	16350	50320	144840
26.	16750	51550	149190
27.	17150	52780	149190
28.	17550	54010	153670
29.	17950	55240	158280
30.	18350	56470	163030
31.	18750	57700	163030
32.	19150	58930	167920
33.	19600	60310	172960
34.	20050	61690	178150
35.	20500	63070	178150
36.	20950	64450	183490
37.	21400	65830	188990
38.	21850	67210	188990
39.	22350	68750	194660
40.	22850	70290	199100
41.	23350	71830	205070
42.	23850	73370	211220
43.	24350	74910	217560
44.	24850	76450	224100

Department of Tourism

Notification

3/9(30)/Caravan)/2023-DT

Government of Goa is hereby pleased to notify the "Caravan Tourism Policy" in order to explore new tourism products in the State and cater to the changing preferences of the tourists/visitors. The concept of Caravan Tourism which gained popularity all over the world with its nonintrusive mode of development will enhance the potential and attractiveness of Goa as a tourism destination.

Suneel Anchipaka, IAS, Director of Tourism & ex officio Addl. Secretary.

Panaji, 1st November, 2023.

Caravan Tourism Policy

1. *Definition.*— GoG or Government: State Government of Goa.

DOT : Department of Tourism, Government of Goa (responsible for the implementation of the policy).

Caravan: The specifically built vehicles being used for the purpose of hospitality travel, leisure and accommodation would be termed as 'Caravan' or Campervans and would include vehicles viz. RVs, Campervans, Motor Homes, Trailer Caravan (T2 type), etc., with minimum features as mentioned in clause 5.(II) of this policy.

Caravan Park: A Caravan Park is an area not within any restricted zone, and shall only be the area designated for parking of Caravans which have accommodation facility for the tourists to stay inside the respective Caravan vehicle during day and night. Moreover, such Caravan Parks must be equipped with minimum infrastructure facilities like standard 230V power points, wastewater discharge connection pipes, freshwater inlet connection pipes, convenience facility and recreational space for the tourists.

Applicant: Caravan Tour Operators with their Caravans registered in Goa.

2. *Introduction.*— Goa has been one of the most prominent tourist destinations in India and is considered as a global tourism brand name. Owing to its picturesque territory ensconced between the fertile coastal strip of the Arabian Sea and the breathtaking mountain ranges of the Western Ghats, Goa is a renowned tourist destination in the world. Due to its natural setting, the State is bestowed with scenic beauty, lush green surroundings, splendid mountains, diverse flora & fauna, pristine backwaters, and the most fascinating beaches. With over 104 km. of vast coastline, six major rivers and various inland lakes the landscape of Goa is very diverse, ranging from sandy seafronts to lush green hinterlands, from estuaries to mangrove fringed creeks, from river islands to traditional Khazan lands. Goa's rural landscape complimented by its colonial heritage, gives the State an inherent cultural strength, making it an ideal destination for Caravan Tourism.

Goa has recently developed the tourism master plan and policy, which focuses on reinventing itself as a year-round responsible tourism destination. Also, as part of the strategy Goa also wishes to showcase its pristine hinterlands, backwaters and rich biodiversity of the western ghats along with its already world-renowned beaches. In order to explore new tourism products in the State and cater to the changing preferences of the tourists/visitors, Department of Tourism, Government of Goa is introducing "Caravan Tourism Policy". The concept of Caravan Tourism which gained popularity all over the world with its nonintrusive mode of development will enhance the potential and attractiveness of Goa as a tourism destination.

Caravan Tourism can effectively meet the growing demand, while ensuring adherence to quality, standards, and safety norms. The Caravan Tourism Policy for Goa intends to provide fiscal & non-fiscal assistance for the procurement/development of Caravan Vehicles in the State.

3. *Objectives of the Policy.*— The Caravan Tourism policy provides the flexibility with respect to itineraries and accommodations and has the potential to add a new dimension to tourism in the State of Goa. This policy is aimed to:

- Introduce and regulate Caravan tourism in Goa.
- Incentivize the tourism industry for introduction of Caravan tourism in Goa.
- To provide an alternate experience to travel enthusiast.
- To promote tourism in remote areas of Goa, where there is shortage of decent and affordable accommodations or where a permanent construction may neither be permissible nor feasible.
- Create job opportunities for local population.
- Promote the development of Caravans and Caravan Parks in Goa, away from the congested beaches and traditional tourist Chokepoints. Yet, ensure that tourists have the best experience at an affordable cost.

4. *Applicability of the policy.*— The Caravan Tourism Policy is applicable to all existing and upcoming Caravans, Caravan parks and Caravan operators in Goa.

I. All Caravans operating in Goa shall mandatorily be registered at a Regional Transport Office (RTO) in Goa.

II. Any kind of Caravan operations whether intra-state or inter-state shall be regulated by this policy.

The Caravan Tourism Policy is valid for a period of 3 years from the date of notification in the Official Gazette and can be further extended as per the discretion of the Department of Tourism, Government of Goa.

5. *The Tourism Caravan.*—

I. *Registration of Tourism Caravan:*— As per “The Goa, Daman and Diu Registration of Tourist Trade Act, 1982 and Rules, 1985” all entities or individuals undertaking any kind of tourism service in Goa, shall be required to register with Department of Tourism, Government of Goa. Therefore, the Caravan operators shall be required to mandatorily register all their Caravans (to be utilized for the purposes of tourism), with Department of Tourism, Government of Goa to commence the commercial operations. The Department shall register only the first 50 Caravans. However, considering the holding capacity of the State and the demand for Caravan tourism, the department reserves the right to increase the limit further.

Caravan should comply with Central Motor Vehicles Rules, issued by Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, Government of India and the Automotive Industry Standards AIS-124/AIS-113 for Type Approval and Certification of Caravans vehicles. Moreover, these Caravan vehicles and standalone Caravan parks must have all necessary licenses/NOCs/ from the relevant local authorities, as may be applicable to ply in Goa. Such approvals shall include:

i. For Caravan vehicle operators:

S. No.	Tentative list of NOCs/licenses/approvals	Department	Requirement
1.	Registration of Caravan vehicle	Department of Transport (Govt. of Goa)	Mandatory
2.	Registration of Caravan tour operator	Department of Tourism (Govt. of Goa)	Mandatory

ii. For standalone Caravan park operators (The policy does not incentivize and promote standalone Caravan parks. Following tentative permissions shall be required, if private sector wishes to develop such standalone parks. However, actual permissions may vary on specific case basis) :

S. No.	Tentative list of NOCs/licenses/approvals	Department	Requirement
1.	Trade License/NOC of the Gram Panchayat/ /Municipal Council to run the premises as Caravan park	Respective Municipal Council/Village Panchayat	Mandatory
2.	Electricity Department for electrical connection	Electricity Department	Mandatory
3.	Public Works Department for water connection	Public Works Department	Mandatory
4.	Goa Coastal Zone Management Authority for approval of plans	Goa Coastal Zone Management Authority	If applicable
5.	Foods and Drugs	Directorate of Food and Drugs Administration	If applicable
6.	Bar License/Excise license for sale of foreign/Indian liquor	Department of Excise	If applicable
7.	Health NOC (for septic tank/soak pit etc.)	Health Department, Urban Health Center/Primary Health Center	If applicable
8.	Fire Safety NOC	Directorate of Fire and Emergency Services	If applicable
9.	Pollution NOC	Goa State Pollution Control Board	If applicable

II. Caravan specifications for registration:

1. Mandatory specifications for a Caravan:—

a. Caravan should comply with Central Motor Vehicles Rules, issued by Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, Government of India or by the State Transport Commissioner and or the Automotive Industry Standards AIS-124/AIS-113 for Type Approval and Certification, and shall have a minimum of four wheels.

b. Caravan at the time of first registration with Goa Tourism with old chassis, should not be older than 3 years.

c. Sofa and bed for minimum two people.

d. Kitchenette with cooking facility, fridge, and microwave oven.

e. Toilet cubicle with hand shower and sufficient fresh water and waste-water storage.

f. 230V single phase internal power system with UPS and external plug point.

g. Motorised Caravan Vehicle to be Bharat Stage VI compliant.

h. GPS: Caravan would enable themselves with GPS facility.

i. Hygiene & Safety and Environment-Friendly Practices.

j. Eco-Friendly Caravans shall be given preference.

2. Desirable specifications for a Caravan:—

- a. Air Condition.
- b. Audio/Video Facility.
- c. Partition behind driver.

III. Registration Process:—

1. The applicant can apply for registration with Department of Tourism, Government of Goa:

a. Offline Mode: Submitting the hardcopy of the requisite documents at, 1st floor, registration desk, Paryatan Bhavan, Patto, Panajim, 403001.

b. Online Mode: Uploading and submitting the scanned copy of the requisite documents on www.goaonline.gov.in.

2. The Applicant shall be required to get the Caravan(s) registered with the Regional Transport Office in Goa and shall pay the applicable motor vehicle tax to Transport Department, Government of Goa as per extant laws.

3. Post registration with Transport Department, the Applicant shall submit the following documents for registration with the Department of Tourism, Government of Goa:

a. Registration Form as per Annexure-I.

b. Annual registration fee of INR 1000/- per Caravan (the fee may be revised by Department of Tourism, Government of Goa).

c. Registration Certificate (RC) by Transport Department.

d. Copy of Insurance Certificate.

e. KYC document (Aadhar card/ Driving license/Passport/PAN card).

4. Post applying for registration, the Department of Tourism, Government of Goa may conduct an inspection of the respective tourism Caravan.

5. Applications that are incomplete in any respect or any deviation found during the inspection, shall be liable to be summarily rejected by the Department of Tourism, Government of Goa.

IV. Incentives by Government to attract Caravan operators in Goa:—

Fiscal Benefits: 1. Reimbursement of Capital investment made towards purchase/development of Caravan: Department of Tourism, Government of Goa to encourage and promote the Caravan Tourism in the State of Goa will provide incentive opportunities. The incentive opportunities are as follows (Second-hand motorized vehicles purchased and re-registered in Goa shall not be considered):

- First 10 Caravans— Rs. 20.0 lakhs OR 25% of the total expenditure, whichever is lesser.
- 11th to 30th Caravans— Rs. 10.00 lakhs OR 15% of the total expenditure, whichever is lesser.
- 31st to 50th Caravans— Rs. 5.0 lakhs OR 10% of the total expenditure, whichever is lesser.

2. *Reimbursement of road tax:* Department of Tourism, Government of Goa shall reimburse the motor vehicle tax of the Caravans registered in Goa, in the following manner (Second-hand motorized vehicles purchased and re-registered in Goa shall not be considered).

- First 10 Caravans— 25% of the motor vehicle tax, up to a maximum of INR 1,57,500/- per vehicle.
- 11th to 30th Caravans— 15% of the motor vehicle tax, up to a maximum of INR 94,500/- per vehicle.
- 31st to 50th Caravans— 10% of the motor vehicle tax, up to a maximum of INR 63,000/- per vehicle.

3. *Reimbursement of annual registration fee for 3 years:* Department of Tourism, Government of Goa shall reimburse the annual registration fee or INR 1000/- per annum, whichever is less, for first 50 Caravan vehicles for 3 years of commercial operation (annual registration fee shall be reimbursed for 3 years of operation post successful submission of the annual fee, year on year).

The aforesaid reimbursements shall be disbursed on first-come-first-serve basis and those registering first shall have an opportunity to complete 1 year of operations earlier and thereby becoming eligible for claiming the incentives. Second-hand vehicles purchased and re-registered in Goa shall not be considered for any kind of incentives and benefits.

Department of Tourism, Government of Goa, at its discretion and upon review of the extant situation from time to time, may suitably alter the proposed limit of beneficiaries as specified in the aforesaid Clause 5.IV or extend the tenure of the policy or both, as the case may be, for the purposes of promotion or furthering the objectives of this policy and depending on the extant rules, regulations and market scenario.

Other Benefits:

a. *Job opportunities for the local community:*— Department of Tourism, Government of Goa through the policy encourages the participation of the local community in Caravan Tourism related activities by facilitating the following:

- The local community shall brief the tourists about the local socio-cultural traditions of Goa and thereby operators are encouraged to appoint local population.
- Priority to be given to local youths for providing support services and products.
- The operator shall tie-up with the local community for the experiences and

engage local work force for seamless introduction and operations of the Caravans.

- Capacity building of the local youths, artisans and craftsmen and appropriate skill development trainings shall be imparted from time to time on need basis.

b. *Promotion by Department of Tourism, Government of Goa.*— The Authority shall on best effort basis market the service through its website, various channels, forums, establishments, outlets and related entities to try and secure success of Caravan Tourism. This includes but is not limited to publicity for the service in its advertisements, website, printed material at travel marts and exhibitions attended by Goa Tourism. The Department of Tourism may assist the operator in marketing and promotion activities across its various channels depending on their annual marketing budgets.

V. *Eligibility of Caravans for availing incentives.*— The Caravans registered with Transport Department & Department of Tourism, Government of Goa shall only be eligible for availing any incentive under this policy. Further the following clauses shall be adhered by the applicant to be eligible for availing the incentives:

1. The Caravan should be operational in Goa for at least 1 year from the date of registration with Department of Tourism, Government of Goa.
2. The aforesaid incentives will be extended to a maximum of 10 (ten) Caravans per entity/operator.
3. All vehicles for which reimbursement on motor vehicle tax is being claimed must have been purchased during the operative period of this policy and should

comply with the Central Motor Vehicles Rules, issued by Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, Government of India.

VI. *Procedure of availing incentives*:— The eligible applicants shall be required to apply for availing the incentive/reimbursement by submitting the following hard copy documents to Department of Tourism, Government of Goa:

a. *Reimbursement of capital investment made towards purchase/development of Caravan*:

- Reimbursement form as per Annexure - II.
- A CA certificate along with proofs and supporting documents of capital expenditure/investment made on purchase/development of a Caravan.
- Invoice of Caravan purchase (if applicable).
- Cancelled cheque.
- Copy of registration certificate with Department of Tourism, Government of Goa.

b. *Reimbursement of Road Tax*:

- Reimbursement form as per Annexure-II.
- Cancelled cheque.
- Copy of registration certificate with Department of Tourism, Government of Goa.
- Receipt of the road tax submitted to Transport Department of Goa.

c. *Reimbursement of annual registration fee for 3 years*:

- Reimbursement form as per Annexure-II.
- Cancelled cheque.
- Copy of registration certificate with Department of Tourism, Government of Goa (year on year).

Department of Tourism, Government of Goa shall carry out the necessary scrutiny for all the reimbursement forms received with

respect to the policy and may undertake inspection of the Caravan or enquire the applicant for any further clarifications.

VII. *Withdrawal of incentives*:— Department of Tourism, Government of Goa reserves the right to withdraw the incentives or cancel the registration, if the applicant is found to default/violate/breach any of the terms and conditions of the policy or any other violation as prohibited under prevailing laws.

The incentives provided to the applicant shall be forfeited and necessary action may be taken by the Department.

6 *Caravan Parks*.— As Caravan Tourism is a new tourism product for the State, thereby Goa Tourism encourages the private operators to tie-up with existing branded hotels/resorts/guest houses/jungle lodges and develop Caravan Parks in the premises of the accommodation unit ("hybrid Caravan park"). The private operators can also develop stand-alone Caravan parks at scenic locations, post receiving adequate licenses & NOC (refer clause 5.I.ii of this policy) from extant Government authorities ("standalone Caravan park").

For the below mention points related to Caravan Parks, Policy for Development and Promotion Caravan and Caravan Camping Parks of Ministry of Tourism, Government of India shall be considered as guiding document.

- o Operational requirements of Caravan Parks:
- o Safety and security.
- o Site development and land requirement.
- o Movement and parking.
- o Tourist Facilitation Centre (TFC).
- o Waste Management Infrastructure.

By order and in the name of the Governor of Goa.

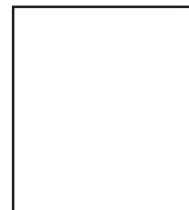
Suneel Anchipaka, IAS, Director & ex officio Addl. Secretary (Tourism).

Panaji, 6th November, 2023.

ANNEXURE I
(Registration form with Department of Tourism,
Government of Goa under Caravan Tourism Policy)

To,

The Director,
Department of Tourism,
2nd Floor, Paryatan Bhavan, Patto-
Panaji, Goa - 403001



Sir,

I/We request that I/We may be registered as Caravan Tour Operator with Caravans within the meaning of Goa Registration of Tourist Trade Act, 1982 for the year _____, The other particulars are as under

☐ ☐

New Registration Renewal in case of renewal, enter certificate No. _____

Renewal ☐ for Years (Maximum renewal up to 5 years)

Operated by Individual _____ Company

If Company ☐ Private Ltd. ☐ Public Ltd.

1. Details of Person/Company with Address intending to operate or is already operating as Caravan Tour Operator

NAME- _____

DESIGNATION- _____

ADDRESS- _____

VILLAGE/TOWN- _____

TALUKA- _____

PIN CODE _____

MOBILE No. _____ TELEPHONE No. _____

AADHAR CARD _____, _____, _____ PAN CARD _____

EMAIL ID _____

2. Name of the firm and its registered address with Tel No.:

NAME OF THE FIRM _____

ADDRESS OF THE FIRM _____

VILLAGE/TOWN _____

TALUKA _____ PIN CODE _____

WEBSITE _____

OFFICE No. _____ MOBILE No. _____

EMAIL ID _____

3. Year of establishment of firm _____

4. Details of Caravan

Number of Caravan in operation _____

The Caravan is:

a. New Caravan ☐

b. Customized Caravan ☐

Type of Body _____
 Chassis No. (Affix Pencil Print) _____
 Type of Vehicle _____
 Maker's Name _____
 Month and Year of manufacturer _____
 Maker's classification or if not known, Wheelbase _____
 Engine Number or Motor Number in case of Battery-Operated Vehicle _____
 Fuel used in the engine _____
 Unladen weight _____
 Particulars of previous registration and registered number (if any) _____
 Colour or colours of body wings and front end _____
☐ HMV ☐ LMV

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Inward ID _____ Data Entry _____ Doc Uploaded _____
 Inward Date _____ Application Verified _____

Declaration by Applicant

I/We _____ hereby state that I have read and shall strictly abide by the "Caravan Tourism Policy" governing the registration with Department of Tourism, Government of Goa and all other orders relating to the registration as Caravan Tour Operator with Caravan in Goa from Department of Tourism, Government of Goa time to time.

In case of default/violation or breach of non-compliance by me to any of the terms and conditions of the Act/Rules/Policy or any violation as are prohibited under prevailing laws, will lead to immediate cancellation of the Registration/License/NOC and Fees would be forfeited to Government treasury and necessary action would be taken up against me by the Department.

Place: _____

Signature of the Applicant: _____

Designation of the Applicant: _____

Date: _____

ANNEXURE II

(Reimbursement form for availing Incentives Subsidy under Caravan Tourism Policy)

Sr No.	Particulars	Details
1.	Reimbursement Form No.	(As provided by Department of Tourism, Government of Goa)
2.	Name of the Applicant	
3.	Authorized person for the Applicant (if any)	
4.	Contact Number of the Applicant	
5.	Email ID of the Applicant	
6.	Full Address of the Applicant	

7. Full Address of the Applicant

8. Details of the Caravan bought for tourism related activities during the operative period of the Policy for the incentive as per Clause 5. (iv)

(Note: Investment Subsidy shall be extended to a maximum of ten caravans per entity)

Sl. No.	Registration Number	Class of Vehicle	Date and place of purchase	Purchase Invoice Number (Supporting document to be enclosed)	Date and Place of Registration (Supporting document to be enclosed)	Proposed Tourism related activity for vehicle

Copy of Purchase Invoice and Registration Documents to be enclosed for each vehicle

9. Details of payment of Motor Vehicle Tax for vehicles listed in Sl. No. 8 –

Sl. No.	Registration Number	Class of Vehicle	Date and place of purchase	Purchase Invoice Number (Supporting document to be enclosed)	Date and place of Registration (Supporting document to be enclosed)	Proposed Tourism related activity for vehicle

10. Total Amount paid as Motor Vehicle Tax for which reimbursement is being claimed: INR _____

11. Other relevant information:

Note:

1. All the supporting documents related to the details of particulars provided above should be enclosed.
2. All documents/authorizations/approvals/clearances/licenses/NOCs etc. should be in the name of the Applicant or the Applicant Entity.
3. The Caravan Vehicle details should be of a new purchased vehicle only. Second-hand vehicles initially registered outside Goa and re-registered in Goa shall not be considered.

Declaration by Applicant

(To be provided on letterhead of Applicant)

I/We _____ (full name) at present _____ (designation) M/s _____ (name of Applicant) hereby state that have been allocated the registration number _____ by the Department of Tourism, Government of Goa.

I/we undertake that I/we intend to avail exemption on Caravan as per the provisions of Caravan Tourism Policy, Department of Tourism, Government of Goa. The total amount of exemption sought under the aforesaid is INR _____.

I/we hereby undertake that the vehicles which receive exemption on Caravan shall be utilized only for tourism related activities.

I/we certify that the information furnished with our application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. I hereby undertake to abide by the terms and conditions prescribed under the provisions of Caravan Tourism Policy.

I have read and understood all the terms and conditions mentioned in the Caravan Tourism Policy and hereby agree to abide by them. I further confirm that I shall abide by the same and such other conditions as may be laid down time to time by the Department of Tourism, Government of Goa under Caravan Tourism Policy.

Signature(s)

Name & Designation

Seal of Applicant

Place:

Date:



Department of Town and Country Planning

Office of the Chief Town Planner (Land Use)



Corrigendum

21/1/TCP/2021-23/Steering Committee/157

In the Government Notification No. 21/1/TCP/2021-23/Steering Committee/106 dated 09-08-2023 of the Department of Town and Country Planning, published in the Official Gazette, Extraordinary No. 2, Series I No. 18, dated 09-08-2023, on page 1751, in regulation 5 of the Goa Land Development and Building Construction (Amendment) Regulations, 2023, the expression “(e)” shall be read as “(f)” and the expression “(f)” shall be read as “(g)”

Vertika Dagur, Chief Town Planner (Land Use) & ex officio Joint Secretary.

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